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MEMORANDUM FOR THE RECORD

SUBJECT: Resume of OCB Luncheon Meeting, 2 January 1957

PRESENT: Mr. Dulles, CIA, Acting Chairman, Mr. Murphy,
Mr. Gray, Mr. Hollister, Mr. Washburn, Mr. Staats

1. Committees Reviewing US Overseas Aid Programs

It was noted that there are a number of committees, some appointed by the Executive Branch, some Congressional, and some private, all engaged at the present time in a review of US overseas economic aid programs. While no action was taken it was agreed that possibly conflicting reports from these various committees could be confusing both to the public and to the Government.

2. Laos

Mr. Gray reported that General Brown is departing shortly for Laos where he will head up the US military mission in that country. This mission is in civilian clothes. (General Brown departs approximately 10 January. FE Division will arrange a briefing for him prior to this date. Does the DCI wish to see General Brown personally as well?)

3. Mr. Larson's Departure Date

It was announced that Mr. Larson's departure date is 22 January.

4. ICA East German Project

Mr. Hollister reported that his agency and State are now working out a satisfactory method for handling the ICA East German project.

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5. Burma

Mr. Gray stated that Defense is prepared to send a military mission to Burma as soon as the Burmese government has decided it desires US military assistance.

6. Mr. Calvet

Mr. Murphy reported that Mr. Calvet, an old acquaintance of his whom the DCI is seeing the evening of 2 January, has commented that many North Africans who have been long-time friends of the US are now turning communist.

7. Afghanistan

Mr. Hollister reported that the ICA and PANAM had reached mutual agreement on PANAM's role on developing the Afghan commercial airline. He also expressed confidence that there would be no difficulty in securing the Afghan government's approval of PANAM's role. Mr. Dulles then briefed the Board on recent Soviet activities in Afghanistan.

8. Comptroller for US Embassy, Austria

It was suggested by Mr. Hollister that the appointment of a senior State Department official to act as comptroller to the US Embassy in Vienna might insure that US funds for Hungarian refugee relief were spent wisely and that duplication or waste was avoided. He cited the fact that this program might eventually amount to something between \$50 and \$100 million and accordingly merited special attention. It was agreed to note this suggestion in the record.

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10. Germany

Mr. Murphy cited a State cable to AmEmbassy, Bonn, directing that Gisevius be advised to desist from claiming any official or unofficial US encouragement for his present speeches urging mutual US and Russian troop withdrawal. Mr. Dulles asked if CIA had been informed of the contents of this cable. Mr. Murphy replied in the negative.


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